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BLM SELLS TIMBER IN BARTON GULCH

DILLON (September 6, 2005) – Helicopters will be used to log a timber sale in the Barton Gulch area approximately four miles southwest of Virginia City. The Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office sold the Barton Gulch sale on September 2; the first sale completed using the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

The successful bidder was R-Y Timber of Townsend, Montana. The total sale price was \$72,806 for 6191 tons of live Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine, which equates to nearly \$80/MBF.

The 196 acre treatment will be used to help restore the Douglas-fir savannah habitat in that area of southwestern Montana. RY Timber has 26 months to complete the operation.